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Please replace claims 1, 6 and 7 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A light source, comprising:
a first light source for emitting light of a first color;
a second light source for emitting light of a second color; and
a third light source for emitting light of a third color;
wherein light from said first light source, light from said second light source,
and light from said third light source are synthesized by a color synthesizing optical system,
and each of said first, second and third light sources is a planar light source having a single,
substantially continuous light emission area.

B2 56. (Amended) The light source device according to claim 4, characterized in that
lenses are deployed between said first, second, and third light sources and said color
synthesizing optical system.

B2 101. (Amended) The light source device according to claim 4, characterized in that
lens array elements are deployed between said first, second, and third light sources and said
color synthesizing optical system.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-28 are pending. By this Amendment, the title and claims 1, 6
and 7 are amended, and claims 5 and 8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully
requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim
(37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

I. THE TITLE SATISFIES ALL FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

The Office Action objects to the title as not descriptive. The title is amended to
obviate the objection. Withdrawal to the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

II. THE CLAIMS DEFINE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 20-22, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as
unpatentable over JP-A-8-140107 to Kenji et al. (hereinafter "Kenji"); claims 1-7, 19, 21 and

22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as unpatentable over JP-A-10-123512 to Shoichi et al. (hereinafter "Shoichi"); claims 8, 9, 14-16, 23-25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Kenji; claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Kenji in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,011,602 to Miyashita et al. (hereinafter "Miyashita"); and claims 12, 13, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Kenji in view of JP-A-9-105929 to Tomonori et al. (hereinafter "Tomonori"). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

None of the applied art discloses that each of the first, second and third light sources is a planar light source having a single, substantially continuous light emission area, as claimed in claim 1.

Instead, Kenji and Shoichi disclose the use of a point source as the light source. Further, none of the other applied references disclose the use of a planar light source having a single, substantially continuous light emission area.

Because the applied art does not disclose this claimed feature, it cannot provide advantages of the claimed invention. For example, in accordance with the claimed invention, a uniform light emission over a certain area is provided by virtue of the above claimed feature. However, none of the applied art can provide this advantage.

Further, no motivation exists to modify any of the applied art to make up for the deficiency discussed above. In fact, if it had been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the applied art to make up for the deficiency discussed above, then one of ordinary skill in the art would have done so to achieve the above advantage. However, no such reference has been discovered and applied.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable over the applied art. Further, claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 9-28, which depend from claim 1, are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed as well as for



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the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 is respectfully requested.

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III. CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Appendix
Petition for Extension of Time

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